

District I Advisory Board Minutes

April 4, 2016

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The District I Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Atwater Neighborhood Resource Center located at 2755 E. 19th St. N., Wichita, KS, 67214. Nine board members, six staff and seven members of the public were present.

Members Present

Prisca Barnes
Beverly Domitrovic
Dan Heflin
Brandon James
Brandon Johnson
Aaron Mayes
James Roseboro
James Thompson
Janet Wilson
Bill Wynne

Staff Present

Officer J.C Atondo, WPD
Officer A. Recio, WPD
Officer N. Long, WPD
Dale Miller, Planning
Helen Rigdon, Wichita Public Library
Kameelah Alexander, Office of Community Services

Members Absent

Twila Chaloupek

Guests

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Order of Business

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda submitted. **Motion by Roseboro/Wynne, carried 7:0.**

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes submitted. **Motion by Domitrovic/Roseboro, carried 7:0.**

Public Agenda

Scheduled Items

No Items

(DAB Members Brandon James and Brandon Johnson arrived for the meeting)

Off Agenda Items

No Items

Staff Reports

Fire Report

No report

Police Report

Officer A. Recio, Patrol South, shared an update on assaults, thefts, larcenies and robberies. An after-hours party location closed down. Patrol South officers are assisting in Old Town during closing hours of clubs.

Officer N. Long, Patrol East, shared an update including a rise in non-residential burglaries of sheds. A crime response team was formed in Patrol East. Citizens are advised to keep a record of serial numbers and keep an eye on unfamiliar vehicles with trailers attached.

Officer J.C. Atondo, Patrol North, shared an update on several shootings that could include gang activity.

Helen Rigdon, Wichita Public Library, shared an update on Rockwell and Comotara branches, public libraries book sell, and the Library is accepting applications for Teen Volunteers 8th thru 12th grade.

New Business

1. Replatting versus rezoning education

Dale Miller, Planning Director presented information. Educational information was shared concerning City and state regulations for replatting versus rezoning.

By state law zoning cases have to be published in the newspaper and letters have to be sent to individual property owners located within 200 feet of the application area 20 days in advance of the Planning Commission hearing. By department policy applicants are also required to post on the application area one of the City's red and white signs that contain the case number, brief description of the request and the planning department's phone number on the application area. Only one sign is required unless there are additional street frontages, then one sign per street frontage is required. The sign has to be posted 13 days in advance of the Planning Commission hearing.

In contrast, state law does not require any public notice for plats. There is no state requirement to notify anyone of a proposed plat or replat. Previously, by department policy applicants were required to post one of the City's red and white signs containing the case number and the department's phone number along one street frontage of the area to be platted or replatted. Now the applicant is required to post a sign on every perimeter street frontage. That change was made by the planning director.

Plats and replats are reviewed by the Subdivision Committee of the Planning Commission, the Planning Commission and the governing body. The Subdivision Committee and the Planning Commission hearing provide time for anyone to speak about a plat or replat. By policy the City Council does not take additional testimony on Planning Commission cases; however, someone could ask for the City Council to waive that policy provided there are extenuating circumstances. Approval of a plat or replat is administrative, meaning that as long as the plat or replat meets the minimum development standards, the Planning Staff that review the plat or replat are obligated to approve.

Zoning cases are quasi-judicial, meaning that the Planning Staff reviewing a zone case can exercise their own judgement about the request and vote to approve or deny a zone change provided they produce specific findings dealing with surrounding land use and zoning, consistency with adopted plans, ability to supply public services to the site or neighborhood opposition or support. Such discretion is not allowed with plats, if the plat meets minimum standards it is approved.

Action Taken: Receive and file

Board Agenda

Updates, Issues and Reports

- Prisca Barnes was welcomed to DAB I after the passing of David Buckmaster
- A. Price Woodard and Murdock NA is preparing for their community garden and planning to support the Law Enforcement Parade on April 23, 2016
- Community Operations Recovery Empowerment Inc. (CORE) community garden at 1121 N. Green will be available to the public
- Sleepy Hollow Park has had trees removed and new trees planted
- NE Heights NA has received assistance from City staff with water problems in their area
- Schweiter NA Easter Egg Hunt went well and Schweiter day is at the end of May
- College Hill could receive an Oxford House of eight residents
- Country Overlook NA will welcome Police Chief Ramsay at their next meeting

Recommended Action: Receive and file

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Heflin/Domitrovic, motion passed 9:0.

The next District I Advisory Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., May 2, 2016, at Atwater Neighborhood Resource Center, 2755 E. 19th St. N.

Guests

1. Gerry Domitrovic
2. Donald Hogg
3. Jessica Hutton
4. Robin Marin
5. Armando Michel
6. Monse Osornio
7. Lonny Wright